

Purification (ISBP) will be held in Paris, France on September 25–27, 1996. Topics will include immunoadsorption, clinical effects of dialysis membrane compatibility, outlooks into future modes of organ replacement, as well as oral/poster presentations on all aspects of clinical, technical, immunological and metabolic blood purification methods. For further information, please contact Prof. C. Jacobs, Service de Néphrologie, Hôpital de La Pitié - 83, Boulevard de l'Hôpital, 75013 Paris, France. FAX: 331 44 23 99 84.

The 10th International Conference on Psychonephrology will be held in New York City, USA on October 18–20, 1996. The latest psychosocial and ethical developments in understanding and care of patients on forms of dialysis and recipients of renal transplants will be discussed in plenary sessions, small group meetings and Free Communications. Abstract deadline is August 1, 1996. Topics will include: patient's perception of care, the national political agenda and its impact on delivery of services, rationing medical care, short-term limited psychotherapy for patients with renal failure, spirituality, non-compliance for patients with renal failure, and a debate on the rationing of nephrological treatment. For further information, contact Norman B. Levy, M.D., Director, Liaison Psychiatry Division, New York Medical College, Valhalla, New York 10595, USA. Telephone: (914) 285-8424; FAX: (914) 285-1965.

The 1996 Annual Meeting of the American Society of Nephrology will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana on November 3–6, 1996. For further information, contact the American Society of Nephrology, 1200 19th Street NW, Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20036-2401, USA. Telephone: (202) 857-1190; FAX: (202) 223-4579.

The 1997 Annual Meeting of the American Society of Nephrology will be held in San Antonio, Texas on November 2–5, 1997. For further information, contact the American Society of Nephrology, 1200 19th Street NW, Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20036-2401, USA. Telephone: (202) 857-1190; FAX: (202) 223-4579.

The VIIIth Congress of the International Society for Peritoneal Dialysis (ISPD) will be held in Seoul, Korea on August 23–26, 1998. For further information, contact Dr. Hi Bahl Lee, Hyonam Kidney Laboratory, Soon Chun Hyang University, 657 Hannam Dong, Yongsan Koo, Seoul 140-743, Korea. Telephone: 82-2-709-9171; FAX: 82-2-792-5812; E-mail: hblee@korea.com; Internet: <http://korea.com>

ABIM and Board Eligibility

The American Board of Internal Medicine is planning to undertake a complete review of its policies concerning Board Eligibility. The ABIM anticipates that revised Board Eligibility policies will be announced by December 31, 1996. In the interim, the rules concerning the duration and re-establishment of the Board Eligible status will be suspended. All candidates with this status will continue to be regarded as Board Eligible and therefore able to sit for the Certifying Examinations in internal medicine or the subspecialties. However, the Board's Qualifying Examination, developed to re-establish Board Eligibility, will not be offered. Candidates who have questions about this policy should contact the American Board of Internal Medicine, 3624 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104-2675, (1-800-441-2246).

National Societies

The Secretary General of the *International Society of Nephrology* is endeavoring to bring the Society's list of national societies up-to-date. Many such national societies are not affiliated with the ISN or their affiliation has lapsed. To retain their affiliated status and to vote at the General Assembly, a list of individual members is required to be sent annually. Secretaries of national societies therefore are asked to provide the Secretary General with the address to which correspondence should be sent, together with a list of their officers and individual members, and a formal application for affiliation where this has lapsed. Please send these to Jan J. Weening, M.D., Academic Medical Center, Meibergdreef 9, 1105 AZ Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

AWARDS AND GRANTS

International Fellowship Training Awards

The International Society of Nephrology announces the establishment of an International Fellowship Training Program to provide training in clinical nephrology to physicians from developing countries. It is the objective of this program to support the growth of nephrology in developing countries through an educational program that admits qualified applicants to clinical training in recognized nephrology programs around the world, and then to return to their home country to practice and/or teach. In unique circumstances, applicants who wish basic research training may be considered if the environment in the home country will permit continued research upon the completion of training.

The guidelines for application are as follows:

- (1) Fellowship awards will be made only to physicians from developing countries.
- (2) Applicants must provide evidence of acceptance into a recognized and suitable training program before the award can be granted.
- (3) The Fellow must return to his or her home country upon completion of approved training.
- (4) The Fellow must provide evidence of a guaranteed position in a medical institution upon return to the home country.
- (5) Fellows will receive a stipend from the Society such that, taking into account the home country and/or the host institution support that they may have, they achieve a \$22,500 US revenue.
- (6) Fellows must be able to read and speak the language of the host country. An interview may be required to assess verbal fluency.
- (7) Fellowships will be offered primarily for clinical training of one to two years duration.
- (8) Clinical training programs should be practical in their orientation, and applicable to the needs and conditions of the home country. The ability of the host institution to provide such training will be an important factor in the selection process.
- (9) Fellows must have received sufficient training in internal medicine or other fields to pass all host country examinations that are necessary to the care of patients. Fellowships may be awarded to senior individuals who seek additional training but, in general, preference will be given to younger physicians who are at the beginning of their permanent careers.

- (10) Specific instructions and the necessary application forms can be obtained by writing directly to Jan J. Weening, M.D., Academic Medical Center, Meibergdreef 9, 1105 AZ Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

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For **express mailing**, the street address is *Kidney International* UAMS, Jeff Banks Student Center, Room 332, Hooper Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas 72205, USA.

Kidney International invites brief announcements of meetings, courses, workshops, and so forth, pertaining to nephrology. Please send the announcement, complete with dates, location of meeting, and correspondent's name, address, and phone number 7 months or more in advance of the time of the event. Announcements are inserted into the publication schedule when they arrive in the Editorial Office until the month of the event. Announcements should be sent to the above-stated address for the Editorial Office in Little Rock, Arkansas, USA.

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